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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

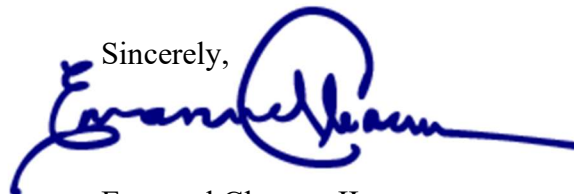
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Mattie Rhodes Cultural Center in fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor for this project is the Mattie Rhodes Center, located at 148 N. Topping Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64123.

The funding is designated for construction of a new cultural center. Now in its second century of community service in Kansas City's Westside community, Mattie Rhodes Center serves more than 15,000 individuals annually. The new Mattie Rhodes Cultural Center will answer the demand for a multi-purpose space that meets the needs of a growing and evolving Westside community. The 4,400 sq. ft. public facility will be more accessible to those in need, operate more sustainably and celebrate the cultural contributions of Kansas City's growing Hispanic population. The center will allow the organization to bring its social services and community arts programming into a single space and will offer enhanced education, therapy and arts programming to low-income families, while providing a safe and welcoming space for the community. This new public facility will offer the neighborhood's low-income families a continuum of care in strategic areas: youth services, educational resources, early childhood development, increased space and exhibition access, inter-agency collaboration. The Cultural Center will help to preserve and celebrate the Hispanic culture and community amid the tremendous growth and development of the surrounding neighborhood.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress